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Walter Mould (?-1879) - An immigrant from Birmingham England, Mould arrived in New York shortly after the Revolution bring with him the tools of his trade. In his native country was involved as an artisan and a skilled machinist. After starting a business in New York at No. 23 William Street he was lured to Morristown, New Jersey in 1781 to manufacture copper coins for the new state. While in New Jersey Mould and his family lived at "Solitude" the estate of John Cleves Symmes (1742-1814). The state granted the authority to mint the new coins to Mould and his partners Albion Cox and Thomas Goadsby on May 23 1786. The coins they made were called the New Jersey "Horse Head Penny". The ore for these coins came from the Symmes estate and they were first minted in an oaken mold in the parlor fireplace.

These coins were minted for three years 1786-1788 until authority to mint coins was given the U.S. Government. During this three year period Walter and his partners had a disagreement. Cox and Goadsby moved their operation to Elizabeth, NJ, while Walter stayed in Morristown. After the minting ceased Walter was sued by a diecaster and skiddled to Ohio to avoid his creditors and debtors prison. He is supposed to have died in the Northwest Terr. in 1789. The last trace of Walter Mould I have found in New Jersey is a newspaper item dated December 31, 1788 concerning unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Elizabethtown, NJ.

I haven't found Walter Mould in Ohio but the most likely place would be in the Cincinnati area. John Cleves Symmes his former host in New Jersey had purchased 2,000,000 acres in the region called the Miami Purchase. Judge Symmes had built a new home in North Bend, Ohio. There were 3 settlements made in the Cincinnati area by 1789, one at the mouth of the Little Miami-Columbia; one at now downtown Cincinnati, and North Bend, near the mouth of the Big Miami. Judge Symmes was a very influential person in the area. His daughter by his first marriage was married to the future long winded and short termed President William Henry Harrison and his third marriage was to Susannah Livingston the daughter of the first governor of New Jersey. The Judge was given the honor of naming the new county in Ohio by the governor of Ohio, which he called Hamilton in tribute to Alexander Hamilton. This would seem to be the most obvious place and person to seek help. This leap of faith has recently been made more solid by the following note sent to me by a Prodigy Ohio researcher:

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the Walter Moulds that married Lydia Depriest in Perry County, MS in 1817 but all the available evidence suggest they are father and son.

Besides having the same name the Junior Walter Moulds was born 1787 in New Jersey probably Morristown. This is where the Sr Walter was working in this time period. I couldn't find any other Mould/Molles families in the state during this time period. However my search was hampered by the non-existence of the 1790 New Jersey census because of fire. All of the available references state that the elder Mould died in Ohio. A young Walter Moules the right age and in the right location disappears from Hamilton Co., Ohio. His fugitive status would account for any lack of family knowledge of an Ohio association.

References:

THE COINS OF NEW JERSEY, Edward Marris.

Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. + Colonial Coins, Walter Breen pages 78-79

Notices from New Jersey Newspapers 1781-1790, Thomas B. Wilson pages 263-264

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Historic Morristown, New Jersey, Andrew M. Sherman pages 400-406

New Jersey as a Colony and as a State, Francis Bazley Lee pages 251-253

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Eliza Moulds married February 27, 1847 Simeon S. Strickland (son of Simeon and Jane Hale Strickland)

Her death certificate states:

Mrs. Eliza Strickland, widow of Simion Strickland born July 6, 1827. 87 years old. Jasper County, Miss. Father Walter Moulds. Informant A. Stevens (son in law). Laurel, Mississippi. Died 1914. Buried at Salem Methodist Church Cemetery on Thompson's creek.

Walter Moulds begins appearing on the Perry County, Ms tax roll in 1821 and continues thereon until 1849 when his widow Lydia pays taxes on the same land that Walter had been paying taxes on.

1820 Census of Perry County, Mississippi  
Walter Molles - Males: 1(16-26), 1 over 45  
Females: 1(10-16)

1830 Census of Perry County, Mississippi  
Walter Moles - Males: 3 under 10, 1(40-60)  
Females: 2 under 10, 1(10-20), 1(20-40)

1850 Census Jasper County, Mississippi  
21 September 1950

#82-90 Lydia Moles	43	Georgia
James	17	Miss.
William	13	Miss.
George	8	Miss.
Martha	5	Miss
Jefferson	3	Miss
John	1	Miss
Thomas	1	Miss

Believe this is the George Moulds whose sister married Mr. McPhearson as his second wife.

Jasper County Cemetery Records show George Moulds buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery Co. G, 8 Miss. Inf. CSA

Also his brother Jerrerson Moulds is buried there and has a C.S.A. marker Co. B. Miss. Res. Calv.

Living next to Lydia Moles in 1850 in house #81-89 was Simeon Strickland age 40, born Al., Louisa Moulds Strickland age 22, b. Miss; Simeon W. age 2, b. Miss., and Martha Jane age 1, born in Miss. This would be Lydia Moulds son in law and daughter. House no. 79 is Alexander Dupriest and his wife Patience Strickland, sister of Simeon and house no. 80 is John W. Strickland brother of Simeon.

In 1860 census Lydia Moles is living at Lake Como on August 15, 1860 house #419-423 age 55, son Willaim 21, George 20, Martha 15, Jefferson 12, John 10, Martha E. age 12. Son James is living in the next house age 28, with his wife Emiline 26 and son William 1.

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*Moulds - Jasper County*

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*Montgomery County, La Bible Records*

MIDDLETON (Continued)

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Morgan was born February 8th 1810  
David Banister Morgan was born Octo 5th 1811  
Charles Morgan was born Sept 4 1813  
Eliza Kelough Middleton was Born December 20th 1814  
Robert Middleton was born June 10th 1816  
Henry Hall Middleton was born Feby 25th 1818  
Middleton was born Jany 30th 1820  
William C. Middleton was born July 31st 1821  
Middleton Aug 1809 wife of Middleton  
Mary Middleton wife to Hatton Middleton died Aug 30  
1808 as also her infant child  
Robert Middleton Morgan Departed this life November  
9th 1814  
Francis Middleton was born Octo 27th 1824

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Hatton Middleton (torn) killed August 30 1813 on the  
Tibbe one of the branches of the Tom Bigby under the  
command of Majr Beazley he was one of the Capts that  
was killed by the Indians he yielded but to deth in  
the twenty ninth year of his age - Eliza Beal Morgan  
wife of David B Morgan departed this life with her  
infant Twins January 22nd 1816 (torn) this life (torn)  
William Kilgore Jr(?) departed this life Sept 10th 17(?)8  
Sarah Killgore his wife Departed this life Sept 1st 1788  
Robert Middleton father of Hatton & William Middleton  
& Eliza B Morgan Departed this life March the 7th 1803  
Eliza Middleton his wife departed this life January 29 1816

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Front page of Bible is missing.

Submitted by: Burnadeen McBride, Rt. 19, Box 2317,  
Conroe, Texas 77303

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Hiram Started to the army May the 4 - 1862 and departed  
this life at Jackson Mississippi about the first of June 1862

Cleme W. C. Moulds Started to the army June the 15 - 1862  
and departed this life at little Rock in arkansas January 1863

Marriages:

Walter and Elizabeth Thomas Moulds was married in the year  
of our Lord June 20 - 1839

Hiram and Sarahan Lyles Moulds was married April the 22 - 1860

John Lee and Mary Moulds Lee was married April the 22 - 1860

Births:

Martha Moulds was born Jan 20, 1852

Eliza Moulds was born Feb. 6, 1854

Albert Brown Moulds was bornd November 24, 1855

Amanda Jane Moulds was bornd March the 7 - 1858

Martha Ellen Moulds was born April the 7 - 1861

Susanan Pierce Bornd July the 7 1872

John Lewis was bornd the 4th day of September 1884

William Leonard divine and Martha an Elvira Moulds Son  
and daughter of Hiram and Sarahan Moulds was born  
February the 17 - 1861

Amanda Elizabeth oldest daughter of John and Mary Lee  
born June the 17 - 1861

J. B. Lee bourn April the 18 - 1863

Leonard R. Lee born March the 13 - 1865

Cleme Nancy Lee born March the 23 - 1867

Mary Lydia Lee bornd Dec the 12 - 1869

Births:

Walter Moulds Bournd May the May the 6 - 1821

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Elizabeth Moulds was born May the 18 - 1821

Lydia Dupriert born January the 8 - 1803

Hiram Moulds was born March 17th 1840

Mary Elizabeth Moulds was born Jany 20th 1842

William Clement Moulds was born Oct 1st 1843

Lydia Moulds was born Sept. 6th 1845

Lenard Moulds was born Oct 22nd 1847

Charley French Moulds was born Jany the 25 1850

#### MOULDS (Continued)

##### Deaths:

Martha Jane Departed this life February the 24 1856  
Hiram Moulds departed this Life at Jackson Mississippi  
about the first of June 1862  
Leonard departed this life May the 12 - 1865 aged 17 years  
6 mounths and 20 days  
W. C. Moulds departed this life at Little Rock Arkansas  
January the 19 - 1863  
Walter Moulds departed this life Jan. or early Feb 1873  
Walter Moulds sen departed this life April the 24 - 1850  
Albert Brown Moulds died Feb. 25, 1927  
Amandy Smith died Nov. 7, 1927  
Lenaard R. Lee died Dec. 12, 1917 signed by daughter  
Sarah Lee Rollans July 6 1956

#### PEOPLES

The HOLY BIBLE containing the Old and New Testaments,  
translated out of The Original Tongues, and with the former  
translations diligently compared and revised; together with  
marginal references. Conformable to the edition of 1611,  
commonly known as the authorized or King James version.  
Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1892, in  
the Librarian of Congress at Washington.

Submitted by: Mary Peoples, 34 Andershire Estates,  
Conroe, Texas

##### Marriages:

Sarah B. Peoples to W. A. King Jan. 7. 1892.  
Catharine E. Peoples to Js. L Brown Jan. 17. 1895.  
William M. Peoples to May Woods Jan. 25. 1903.  
Ida Lee Peoples to George Evans March 14. 1903  
Beulah V. Peoples to Toby B. Winn Dec. 25. 1904  
James H. Peoples to Maud McDaniel May 31. 1914  
Henry M. Peoples to Auby Seale April 27th 1918  
Ethel Irene Peoples to Kimbell Barkley April 3rd 1920.  
Albert Dee Peoples to Velma Baum Oct 31. 1920

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→ from New Jersey - buried on my property in Jasper Co. near Rose Hill, Mo.  
my cousin visited the grave several years ago.

Walter Moulds b.5-18-1737 d.4-25-1850  
Married 10-19-1817  
Lydia DePreist

→ parents were Joseph DePreist & Penelope Parr of Perry Co.  
CHILDREN

Elizabeth b.7-24-1818  
m. William Walker

\* Walter Jr.  
m. Elizabeth Thomas  
Clement

b.8-6-1821 → buried in Pope Co., Texas - I have  
the address of a descendant.  
Had 2 sons killed in Civil War.

Margaret  
m. Seaborn Morris

b.11-22-1822 → of him I know nothing

James (Jim)  
m. Emaline Sage

b.10-3-1824 died 1-27-1904 married 11-26-1843  
b. 5-21-1818 died 7-3-1914

Hiram G.

b.8-19-1826 Both are buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery  
in Jasper Co. near Rose Hill. Jim killed  
his wife and later committed suicide in  
jail. Their children were raised by George  
& Elizabeth Moulds.

William M. (Bill)  
m. Emily Sandles

b.8-29-1835

Martha Jane  
m. W.W. McPherson

b.3-22-1839 - buried at Pleasant Grove - Bill was a  
Civil War veteran. Co. A 40 MS Infantry, Captured  
near Vicksburg the day after Champion's Hill - 5-17-63

George Washington  
m. Elizabeth Rogers

b.6-20-1849 → both buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Jefferson  
m. Elizabeth Jane Myers

b.3-19-1841  
b.11-30-1856

d. 12-4-1901 Both buried at  
Pleasant Grove.  
d.2-1-1936  
George was a CW veteran - Co. C 8 MS Inf.  
d.4-10-1921 } Both at Pleasant Grove  
d.5-27-1924 } Off a CW veteran &  
Co. B 1 MS Reserve  
Cavalry

John Fair  
m. (1) Mary Sandles  
(2) Martha Ann Huto Ulmer

b.1-31-1850

→ my great-grandfather  
He & both wives at Pleasant Grove  
Cemetery

Liza  
m. Simeon Strickland b.7-5-1827

→ I believe you told me they were buried in Wayne County. Any help here  
I would appreciate.

Liza born 1827 and next child Hiram not born till 1835 surley  
means they lost some children in those years.

Mrs. Strickland, I did not compile this list - so I cannot verify the accuracy of  
all these dates. I did verify the records of Confederate Service from the  
Confederate Service Records at USM Library.

\* Walter Moulds Jr. left me for Texas. Several months ago I was contacted by 1  
of his descendants, A Mr. Delano Smith.  
1102 East Sunnyside  
Houston, TX 77076

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Chesterfield County Virginia Marriages: 1771-1815 by Catherine L.  
Va. Know  
18 July 1776 Jeremiah Moler and Lydda Smith, daughter of  
Richard and Hannah Smith. Surety: Stephen Pankey  
Witness: Stephen Pankey Jr.



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Virginia

Some Virginia Marriages by McDonald Vol 13

Jeremiah Mould and Lydia Smith 7-18-1776 Chesterfield Co.

mg bond.

Vol 14

William Smith and Hannah Mould 4-2-1787 <sup>min. Ret.</sup> Peckbridge County

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TOPIC: U.S. STATE RESOURCES  
TIME: 01/01 9:19 AM

TO: ALL  
FROM: ROBERT LOWRY (RTXK99A)  
SUBJECT: MS-SOUTHEASTERN COS.

If there are any coin collectors out there. Would you have any information on the makers of the Horse Head Penny that was minted in Morristown New Jersey from 1786-1788.

These pennies were minted by a Walter MOULDS from Birmingham England via New York. This Walter seems to have disappeared from NJ after the U.S. Govt. started minting coins in 1788.> A Walter MOULDS b. 1787 NJ later shows up in MS m. to Lydia DePriest in 1817. I am trying to find a connection. NJ doesn't have any censuses for the missing years (in the South we burn court houses in NJ they burn the whole kit and kaboodle) and he doesn't show up on any tax rolls, wills, or deeds. He seems to have gotten on the NJ turnpike and blew town. I did find a record in Elizabeth, NJ that there was an unclaimed letter at the Post Office addressed to him. It was probably his horse and buggy insurance notice that he couldn't afford

- Robert

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TIME: 01/06 11:47 AM

TO: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)

FROM: ROBERT LOWRY (RTXK99A)

SUBJECT: MS-SOUTHEASTERN COS.

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I wish Walter had brought some of those pennies south with him. They now range from twenty to thousands of dollars. Maybe I can still claim the reward for the finding the >> runaway apprentice.

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July 24, 1992

Jean Strickland  
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Pascagoula, MS 39657

Dean Jean,

I hope your cataract surgery went well. Thanks for the W. Windham estate records. How much would it cost for a copy I could read (only kidding)? Genealogy must be a leading cause of eye disease.

As Pat mentioned I was looking for the family of John Depriest Morris of Covington Co. who was born 1855 m. Margaret (Amanda) Stringer. This is the last of my family that I haven't been able to trace out of Mississippi. I found him on the 1880 census Family #147 and the family right above him was Seaborn Morris. He appeared to be the right age of John D. Morris father. I was at the branch of the National Archives in Philadelphia and they don't have any index to the 1860 or 1870 census so I couldn't check those for verification. The census shows that Seaborn wife Marguette father was born in NJ and her mother was born in MS. Seaborn parents were both born in SC. The Carolinas are a black hole for most of my relatives.

I asked Pat if she had any information on Seaborn Morris and this is her response:

FROM: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)

SUBJECT: MS-SOUTHEASTERN COS.

Robert..the Covington Co. book does cover all census 1880 & prior..but Seaborn was living in Marion Co. in 1850 & might be there in 1860. You do need to see this family in either 1860 or 1870 to be sure..although I think you are right.

In 1850 Seaborn had daughters E. age 3 & S.M. age 2. Only initials were given.

In 1820 there are several Morris families of MS that have sons the age of your Seaborn. The prime one seems to be Edmond b. 1781 SC & his wife, Sarah Thompson b. 1783 SC only because they lived in Marion Co. from 1817 on. Marion Co. does have its records, so I think this is the man you should go after as Seaborn's father.

I have down that Seaborn m. Margaret Moulds. I have no parents down for her; but there is only one choice. They are Walter & Lydia (Depriest) Moulds. Lydia, d/o James & Penelope (Farr) Depriest. Walter is dead by 1850, so I can't tell where he was born. I suggest you look up a couple of the prob. siblings of Margaret to see what they say in 1880, & if it matches, you've got it. Her prob. siblings

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were: Walter 1821 MS, James 1833, William 1837, George 1842, Martha 1845, Jefferson 1847, John 1849 & Thomas 1849. Walter Sr. had 3 girls & 2 boys born before 1830.

The marriage of Seaborn & Margaret is on file in Lawrence Co. & there are group sheets on the Depriest & Moulds family in the library when you are ready for them.

When searching old records for the surname Morris, be on the look-out for the spelling Morse.

Pat

TO: ROBERT LOWRY (RTXK99A)  
FROM: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)  
SUBJECT: MS-SOUTHEASTERN COS.

Robert..I just did a computer search of Jones, Wayne, Perry & Green Cos. 1880 & prior looking for people who were born in NJ & came to our area early. Name & birth year:

Bodo Adams 1792, Samuel Dennis 1799, Joseph Green 1808 & Obediah Hand (RS) 1760. There is a Hand family history so I know about Obediah's background. He was from Westfield, NJ to Georgetown, SC..s/o Samuel & Phebe (Lum) Hand. He m. in SC 1st. I don't had background data on the other three, so if you come up with any during your search, please let me know. There might be a connection between these four.

Farr..I don't have any proof of Penelope's parents, but they were prob. James B. Farr of SC to AL by 1797 & his wife, Lydia..I got the m. data from the Mob. Cath. Records & read Lydia's surname as being Miner..but know this is not correct It might be Mixon. The writing was so dim. Simeon S. Strickland m. Eliza Jane Moulds b. 1829. This is prob. Walter's daughter & of prime interest to Jean S.

Pat

TIME: 07/16 3:30 PM  
TO: ROBERT LOWRY (RTXK99A)  
FROM: PATRICIA EDWARDS (CHCT35B)  
SUBJECT: MS-SOUTHEASTERN COS.

Answer #2. #1 got zapped & don't know if it was sent. You will have to write Jean S. for a price. When doing so ask her to send you a copy of the groupsheets on your Depriest & Moulds ancestor-couples. You are lucky in one way, you do live where you might can find Walter's parents.

1820 Perry Co..Walter Moles..000101/01. (farmer)

1830 Perry Co..Walter Moulds.0200001/11101.

1820 Perry Co...John Moley...300001/4101. a possibility.

I can't locate Walter in 1840, perhaps because of spelling. Check out the 1810-30 census index of NJ to see where families of these spellings lived. Survey by letter or phone the larger libraries in NJ that have Gen. collections to see if there is a family history on file; also check with the county library of any county that seems to have several families listed as living there. When & if you find Walter's parents, let me know. I need the data for his card. Jean S. has a personal interest in the Depriest family.

Pat

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This looks like a good match since Margaret Moulds mother was a Depriest. I had been looking for a Morris-Depriest marriage for the parents of John D. Morris but it appears that I was off a generation and in the wrong family. Pat didn't address my most pressing question. What kind of parent would name a kid Seaborn?

I will check on the New Jersey angle to the family at the NJ State Library and Archives. I have a Lawrence and a Cooper line that first came ashore in New Jersey.

I am enclosing a check for \$10.00 to cover my previous request and a downpayment on this one. Please keep any excess money I am sure I will have more questions.

Thanks,

  
Robert Lowry

PS I wish you would obtain a new address three Pascagoulas are overloading my computer memory.

PPS While I am asking would you have any information on the family of John D. Morris wife Margaert (Amanda) Stringer b. 1854. Is there a printed index to 1860 or 1870 MS Census?

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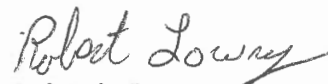
Jean Strickland  
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Dear Jean:

Thanks for your work on the Blackledge family. I like the way old Jeremiah Coston thinks, the old goat. I guess you noticed on the 1860 census that Joseph J. Blackledge was the next door neighbor of H.L. Steelman. I am really mad right now, last week I was at the New Jersey State Archives looking into Walter MOULDS who married Lynda Depriest in 1817 MS and was supposed to be born in New Jersey ( more on this later) I saw a little home made book there concerning a STEELMAN family. Glancing through it I noticed one hand written note about a Steelman marrying a Green and moving to Mississippi. My microfilm machine became available at that time and I didn't have a chance to copy the page before the library close. Before I forget I was reading your book on the Confederate records of Jones, Covington and Wayne County and on page 100 there was a mention of a Cole Lowry leading an expedition in Jones County to hold down the local uprising. One of the people they hung was a Blackledge. I wonder which one it was. Also a Prodigy friend sent me excerpts of a history of Smith County in that book they stated that Robert Lowry the future governor was head of the punitive force. Would you know which is correct? I don't think we were related but there were a lot of Lowrys in South Carolina. The ones closest to Peter on the 1810 census had names like Conrod, Jacob and Peter. This was in Edgefield County, SC. The rest of the Lowrys all were named Robert, James, John and William. I am beginning to believe that my bunch started off as PA-German as Lauer and became Scotch-Irished on the way South. The name Conrod, Jacob and Peter shows up early in Pa and appears also in the Shennadoah area of VA. But my Grandmother always said that my grandfather was the "fifth cousin" of the former Governor. Of course she used that indefinite term whenever she was unsure about a relationship.

In my brief visit to the New Jersey Archives and Library I couldn't find any mention of a Molds/Molles family in the state marriage or estate records. My cause wasn't helped by New Jersey burning their early census records. What I did find however was very interesting concerning a British Immigrant Walter Mould. I have attached a summary of what I have found.

Yours truly,

  
Robert Lowry

Enc.

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Dear Robert:

Thanks so very much for the informative letter re Walter Moulds. This seems very plausible for him to be the run away apprentice because it was so very easy to come down the river to Natchez. He probably would have been among friends when he got there for there was a large settlement there called the "Jersey Settlement". Almost all the settlers in this group were from New York and New Jersey. A Mr. Swazey received a large land grant to settle this area and brought many settlers with him.

Enclosed are copies of biographical sketch of Gov. Robert Lowry and of Dr. M. J. Lowry. Maybe there will be something in them that will give you a clue as to a possible relationship. Also enclosed is a few pages from the Legend of the Free State of Jones which will explain Col. Robert Lowry's expedition into the Newt Knight territory. If you have not read the Echo of the Black Horn by Ethel Knight you should do so. She gives a different version from Rudy Leverett.

Last summer Pat, Frances and I visited with Ethel Knight at her home on the Covington-Jones County border. She is in her eighties and a fascinating woman. Keen sense of humor, and a vast knowledge of history of the area.

Thanks again for the Moulds help. If I can help you further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jean Strickland  
Genealogy & Local History Department





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A pre-dawn fire at Heidelberg High School Wednesday destroyed the auditorium and two wings of the building. East Jasper County Supt. W. B. Moulds, foreground, and assistant principal Kenneth Evans look over the smouldering debris.